



## Citizen Police Advisory Review Board Minutes

The Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB) met on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., in the Basement of the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave, Tucson, Arizona.

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

#### Members Present:

Susan Thornton, Chair  
Stephen Nekolek  
Cynthia Schiesel  
Joaquin Murrieta, Vice Chair  
Barbara O'Brien

#### Representing:

Mayor  
Ward 1  
Ward 4  
Ward 5  
Ward 6

#### Members Absent:

Suzanne Elefante  
Jennifer Lopez

Ward 2  
Ward 3

#### Advisory Members Present:

Karen Brandel

#### Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Deputy Chief Sharon Allen, Tucson Police Department  
Lieutenant Rick Hovden, Tucson Police Department  
Sergeant Sharon Callan, Tucson Police Department  
Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor  
Baird Greene, City Attorney's Office

#### Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Absent:

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor  
Sergeant Matt Ronstadt, Tucson Police Department

#### Others Present:

Lieutenant JT Turner, Tucson Police Department  
Officer Cindy Mechtel, Tucson Police Department  
Ana Smith, City Clerks Office  
Kyle Thompson, City Clerks Office

Chair Thornton stated that Deputy Chief Allen was in attendance.

**2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of August 18, 2009**

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent) to approve the minutes of August 18, 2009, with the following corrections:

Page 1, Others Present: Police Officer Bill Nutt, Sergeant Danny Denogean, Officer Meredith Gierke, and Officer Cindy Mechtel, Tucson Police Department, should be listed in the Others Present. Detective Mike Thomson and Detective Antigone Foust, Tucson Police Department were not in attendance.

Page 4, Item 7, Paragraph B, should Read: He said there were thirty-two electives and passed the list ~~was~~ around.

**3. First Call to the Audience**

**4. Review of Citizen Comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD for July as reported August 2009.**

The Board asked why the Review of the Citizens Comments report was not complete.

TPD stated the report was submitted late to the City Clerks Office and was not processed in time for the meeting.

**5. Hostage Negotiation Unit**

Lieutenant JT Turner, Commander of the Hostage Negotiations Unit, made a detailed presentation about the Hostage Crisis Team. He highlighted details on how the hostage crisis team dealt with different types of incidents including hostage situations, barricaded subjects and suicidal persons. He said the mission of the Hostage Crisis Team was to further the mission of the Tucson Police Department by preventing or minimizing loss of life and risk of injury to police personnel, citizens and persons in crisis through successful negotiations.

**6. Office of the Independent Police Auditor**

A. Outreach Report: Report of public outreach efforts by the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditors (IPA), stated there was no public outreach for the month of August 2009. He mentioned Ms. Perez was invited to attend the Patrol Division Sergeants meeting and to give an update about the Independent Police Auditor's Office and the role of the CPARB.

- B. Monthly Contacts: Report on TPD-related contacts by members of the public with the office of the Independent Police Auditor during the previous month.

Robert Barton, Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA), stated the office received nine inquires during the month of August 2009; of which three complaints were received and three were forward for review. Mr. Barton performed random reviews of twelve fair and thorough closed cases that were previously investigated by IA and said the IPA agreed with the findings of those cases.

## **7. Tucson Police Department:**

- A. TPD Updates regarding events or developments relating to TPD during the prior month.

Deputy Chief Sharon Allen, Tucson Police Department, stated Chief Villasenor was going to Laughlin, Nevada for the Arizona Association Chief of Police Fall Training Conference. She stated the auto theft unit was recognized for their accomplishments.

Deputy Chief Allen announced the International Association Chief of Police Conference was being held in Denver, Colorado, in October 2009 and TPD was one out of ten agencies being highlighted.

Deputy Chief Allen said she would be in training for the next three months, and one of the assistant chief's would be filling in for her.

- B. Office of Internal Affairs/Updates regarding events or developments relating to the Office of Internal Affairs during the prior month

Lieutenant Rick Hovden stated there was nothing to report for the Office of Internal Affairs.

The Board thanked Lieutenant Rick Hovden for providing the list of electives.

- C. Incident Update: Southside Presbyterian Church

Lieutenant Rick Hovden stated he had contacted Captain Bill Richards who was the Commander of the Southside Division. He said Captain Richards stated that he had been in contact with the Southside Presbyterian Church and Everything was progressing and they were working together to resolve the issues of the neighborhood and the Southside Presbyterian Church.

## 8. Non-Voting Advisory Board member subcommittee report

Cynthia Schiesel, Subcommittee Chair, stated CPARB received only three applicants and that the announcement for Non-**Voting** Advisory Board Members was appropriately advertised via emails to homeowners associations, the media, radio, City website, CPARB's website, community groups and to the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, passed with by a voice vote of 5 to 0 (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent.), to amend the advisory time line, in order to vote on the three applicants individually at tonight's meeting. If applicants were approved, she would provide appropriate orientation to the new members.

### 1) Bennett Bernal

It was moved by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, to approve the appointment of Bennett Bernal as Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member.

Chair Thornton, asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, she asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Chair Susan Thornton, Vice Chair Joaquin Murrieta, Cynthia Schiesel, Barbara O'Brien and Stephen Nekolek

Nay: None

Motion to appoint Bennett Bernal's as a Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member was passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent.)

### 2) Scott Egan

It was moved by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, to ~~approve~~ **deny** the appointment of Scott Egan as Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member.

Chair Thornton, asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, she asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: None

Nay: Chair Susan Thornton, Vice Chair Joaquin Murrieta, Cynthia Schiesel and Barbara O'Brien

Abstained: Stephen Nekolek

Motion to appoint Scott Egan as a Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member failed by a roll call vote of ~~5 to 1~~, **4 to 0**, **Stephen Nekolek abstained**, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent.)

3) Barbara Richards

It was moved by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, to approve the appointment of Barbara Richards as Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member.

Chair Thornton, asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, she asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Chair Susan Thornton, Vice Chair Joaquin Murrieta, Cynthia Schiesel, Barbara O'Brien and Stephen Nekolek

Nay: None

Motion to appoint Barbara Richards as a Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board Member was passed by a roll call vote of 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent.)

Cynthia Schiesel stated the applicants would receive a letter and a phone call from her letting them know if they were approved or not.

## 9. Recess

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent) to forego recess.

## 10. Random Review of TPD Investigations:

1. Case# 09-0262

Motion by Stephen Nekolek, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent) to find Case# 09-0262 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

2. Case# 09-0493

Motion by Cynthia Schiesel, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent) to find Case# 09-0493 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

3. Case# 09-0525

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent) to find Case# 09-0525 to be a fair and thorough investigation.

**11. Second Call to the Audience**

**12. Report from the Chair / Announcements**

- A. Chair Thornton announced Ana Smith, City Clerk's Office Secretary received an application, invitation and information brochure from the International Law Enforcement Auditors Association. She asked that she forward it to the Office of the Independent Auditors (IPA), as the information was more suited for the IPA's Office.
- B. Chair Thornton announced she, Barbara O'Brien, and Stephen Nelokek attended the first part of the Crisis Intervention Training Program including Sergeant Kirk's presentation, a presentation about the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, and a presentation by Judge Lex on the History of Mental Illness Recovery. Chair Thornton encouraged other members of the Board to attend the training, especially the a presentation entitled "In Their Own Voice."
- C. Chair Thornton announced it was her intention, with the consent of the Board, to reappoint Karen Brandel for another term as a Non-**Voting** Advisory CPARB Board member. The board had no objection to the reappointment. Chair Thornton would notify the City Clerk's office of the reappointment.

**13. Future Agenda Items**

- A. Presentation on Cop Links in November.
- B. Presentation / Update by Lieutenant Souter on consumer survey and budget changes for October.
- C. Presentation on Police elective
- D. Presentation on Child Abuse Protocol in December.

E. Presentation on the Budget crunch and how it was affecting TPD.

**14. Adjournment – 6:30 p.m.**

Motion by Joaquin Murrieta, duly seconded, and passed by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Jennifer Lopez and Suzanne Elefante absent) to adjourn.